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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A process for making a granular detergent composition comprising the steps step of mixing a surfactant paste together with spray dried granules, said granules comprising a member selected from the group consisting of anionic surfactants, nonionic surfactants, and mixtures thereof, and at least one member selected from the group consisting of dry agglomerates, wet agglomerates, and detergent adjunct ingredients in at least one moderate speed mixer having zones selected from the group consisting of a low speed mixer, a moderate speed mixer, a high speed mixer, and combinations of mixers wherein the mean residence time of the low speed mixer is from about 30 seconds to about 1800 seconds, the mean residence time of the moderate speed mixer is from about 30 to about 1800 seconds, and the mean residence time of the high speed mixer is from about 0.1 to about 60 seconds, and adding crystalline sodium aluminosilicate to the last zone of said mixer to form particles, said particles having a circularity less than about 30 and an aspect ratio less than about 2, wherein the granular detergent composition comprises at least about 50% by weight of the particles having a geometric mean particle diameter of from about 500 microns to about 1500 microns with a geometric standard deviation of from about 1 to about 2.
2. (original) The process according to Claim 1, further comprising the step of conditioning the resultant particles in at least one conditioning apparatus.
3. (canceled)
4. (original) The process according to Claim 2, wherein the step of conditioning includes at least one fluid bed granulator.

Claims 5-6. (canceled)

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7. (original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the mixer contains a ratio of dry agglomerates to spray dried granules from about 5:95 to about 95:5.
8. (original) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the spray dried granules have a density from about 200 g/l to about 650 g/l.

Claims 9-13. (canceled)